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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, the period for reply being extended by the attached Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.